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SUBJECT: CAMBODIAN SIT REP

1. ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES. FLURRY OF ACTIVITY OF PHNOM PENH AIRPORT AM MAY 25 WHILE CAMBODIAN FONMIN YEM SAMBAUR GAVE DEPARTURE PRESS. CONFERENCE PRIOR TO LEAVING ON OFFICIAL VISIT TO RVN. FONMIN STATED TO NEWSMEN THAT CAMBODIA WOULD ASK US AND VIETNAMESE FORCES TO RETURN IF NECESSARY. WHEN PRESSED BY NEWSMEN FONMIN STATED GOC WOULD ASK FRIENDLY FORCES TO REMAIN IN CAMBODIA AFTER JUNE 30 DEADLINE.

2. PRIOR TO ARRIVAL OF YEM SAMBAUR AT AIRPORT LARGE DELEGATION OF THAI MILITARY ARRIVED FROM BANGKOK WHO WHEN APPROACHED BY NEWSMEN REFUSED COMMENT. DURING STATEMENT OF FONMIN, CHICOM, NORTH KOREAN EMBASSY STAFF, AS WELL AS REMNANTS NORTH VIETNAMESE AND PRG EMBASSIES MARCHED OUT TO SWISS AIRCRAFT, WHICH CHARTERED FOR EXCHANGE DIPLOMATIC

MISSIONS. CAMBODIAN DELEGATION FLEW EAST AND ASIAN COMMUNIST DELEGATES FLEW NORTH AT 1000 HOURS, MAY 25.

3. EMBASSY TOLD BE RELATIVE OF FORMER CAMBODIAN AMBASSADOR IN CUBA THAT CAMBODIANS WHO EVACUATED EMBASSY IN HAVANA ONLY PERMITTED TO TAKE OUT OF CUBA ONE LIGHT BAG. ALL PERSONAL AND EMBASSY GOODS AS WELL AS BUILDINGS TO BE TURNED OVER TO "SIHANOUK GOVERNMENT".

4. CAMBODIAN MESSAGE TO FRIENDLY DEMONSTRATORS IN US. EMBASSY CALLED AM MAY 25 BY PRIMIN'S OFFICE TO ASCERTAIN NAME OF ORGANIZER OF LARGE PRO-NIXON POLICY DEMONSTRATION IN NEW YORK WHICH REPORTED TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE MAY 21. PRIMIN'S OFFICE INDICATED GOC DESIRED TO SEND A TELEGRAM OF THANKS TO ORGANIZERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT. EMBASSY SUGGESTED TELEGRAM BE ROUTED THROUGH CAMBODIAN UN MISSION IN NEW YORK.

5. EMBASSY DISBURSING OFFICER TOLD BY CAMBODIAN BANK SOURCE THAT ARVN TROOPS OPERATING IN KAMPOT PROVINCE ATTEMPTING TO EXCHANGE VIETNAMESE PIASTERS AND US MILITARY SCRIP (MPC) FOR CAMBODIAN RIELS. BANK SOURCE INDICATES GOC QUERIED BY KAMPOT BANK BRANCH ABOUT PROPRIETY SUCH EXCHANGES.

6. MARTIAL LAW PROCLAMATION. EMBASSY DATT TOLD THAT PROCLAMATION OF MARTIAL LAW WHICH TO TAKE EFFECT JUNE 1 REQUESTED BY MINISTRY OF INTERIOR RATHER THAN BY MILITARY AUTHORITIES. EMBASSY ASSURED THAT

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BASIC PURPOSE OF PROCLAMATION AT THIS TIME NOT TO LIMIT MOVEMENTS OF DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL. NO ADDED CURFEW ENVISAGED FOR WESTERNERS. EMBASSY BELIEVES BASIC PURPOSE PROCLAMATION IS TO LEGALIZE ACTIVITIES OF CAMBODIAN SEARCH AND CONTROL EFFORTS WHICH HAVE BEEN UNDERWAY SINCE MARCH AND WHICH ARE NOT COVERED BY RECENT EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION WHICH SUSPENDED NUMBER OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS.

7. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. MILITAR BRIEFING AND COMMUNIQUE. MILITARY BRIEFING MAY 25 LISTED SIGNIFICANT CONTACTS FOR PREVIOUS 24 HOURS AS OCCURRING RATTANAKIRI, TAKEO AND KOMPONG SPEU PROVINCES. BRIEFER SAID THAT IN EARLY HOURS MAY 24, VC/NVA ATTACKED AT LEBANSIEK, RATTANAKIRI PROVINCE KILLING TWO AND WOUNDING TWO OTHER MEMBERS OF FRIENDLY FORCES. ENEMY LEFT FIVE DEAD ON THE BATTLEFIELD.

8. DURING NIGHT OF 23-24 MAY, BRIDGE DESTROYED AT POINT 12 KMS FROM SVAY PREY TOWN, TAKEO PROVINCE. IN KOMPONG SPEU PROVINCE, FRIENDLY FORCES SKIRMISHED AT KHLONG TUOK (10 KMS NORTHEAST OF KIRIROM) ON MAY 24. FRIENDLY FORCES SUFFERED NO CASUALTIES.

ENEMY LEFT FIVE DEAD PLUS THREE RIFLES AND FIVE PACKS.

9. MILITARY COMMUNIQUE OF MAY 24 STATES THAT ON EVENING MAY 22 A SWEEP FORCE OF LOCAL DEFENSE ELEMENTS IN KOH ANDET, TAKEO PROVINCE, EXCHANGED FIRE WITH AN UNKNOWN-SIZED ENEMY FORCE. FIVE VC/NVA WERE LATER FOUND DEAD. 96 INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS, 340 B-40 ROCKET MORTAR

ROUNDS, 9 CASES OF GRENADES, AN UNDISCLOSED NUMBER OF "ROCKET AND RECOILESS RIFLE ROUNDS", 200 PIECES OF PLASTIC EXPLOSIVES, AND MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS AND MILITARY GEAR RECOVERED.

10. ON MAY 23 AGAIN ACCORDING TO THE COMMUNIQUE, DURING CAMBO-

DIAN SWEEP OPERATION AT PREY SANDEK AND KOMPONG KRAY IN TAKEO PROVINCE, A CACHE CONTAINING 27 RIFLES, 60 PIECES OF PLASTIC EXPLOSIVES, 4,000 CARTRIDGES AND VARIOUS OTHER MILITARY EQUIPMENT UNCOVERED.

11. IN KOMPONG CHAM PROVINCE ON 23 MAY SWEEP OPERATIONS IN THE VICINITY OF ROKAR KOY CLASHED WITH APPROXIMATELY 100 VC/NVA WHICH LEFT FIVE ENEMY DEAD PLUS THREE AUTOMATIC WEAPONS IN ADDITION TO TWO VC/NVA PRISONERS. FRIENDLY CASUALTIES CONSISTED OF TWO LIGHTLY-WOUNDED. AGAIN ON 23 MAY, ACCORDING TO THE COMMUNIQUE, CAMBODIAN

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DEFENSE FORCES PATROL IN KORKOR CONTACTED AN UNKNOWN SIZED FORCE
WHICH AFTER A BRIEF FIREFIGHT LEFT ONE ENEMY DEAD PLUS ONE CHINESE
MACHINE PISTOL.
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12. FANK TROOPS PUSHING EAST FROM TONLE BET, KOMPONG CHAM PROVINCE, REACHED THE BRIDGE AT MOAT KHMONG IN THE VICINITY OF THE CHUP RUBBER PLANTATION. THESE FORCES ACTED AS A BLOCKING FORCE FOR VIETNAMESE

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TROOPS CLEARING THE REGION OF CHUP. FRIENDLY FORCES, ACCORDING TO THE COMMUNIQUE, WERE REPORTED TO HAVE KILLED 57 AS WELL AS CAPTURING 39 PRISONERS. 8 ANTI-AIRCRAFT WEAPONS, 1 60 MM MORTAR, 2 MACHINE GUNS PLUS THREE B-40 ROCKET LAUNCHERS WERE RECOVERED.

13. IN KOMPONG THOM PROVINCE ON MAY 22, AGAIN ACCORDING TO THE COMMUNIQUE, A FRIENDLY LOCAL DEFENSE POSITION AT BALAING WAS HARASSED BY VC/NVA TROOPS. ONE ENEMY WAS KILLED AND SEVERAL WOUNDED AS WELL AS 5 GRENADES AND CLOTHING WERE RECOVERED. FRIENDLY FORCES SUFFERED ONE LIGHTLY WOUNDED.

14. IN RATTANAKIRI PROVINCE COMMUNIQUE REPORTS LIGHT CONTACTS AT LOMPHAT ON MAY 22 AND AT LABANSIEK ON MAY 24. END UNCLASSIFIED.

15. DATT INFORMED THAT SITUATION IN THE ISOLATED LOMPHAT - BUNG LUNG - BA KEV (BOKEO) TRIANGLE IN THE NORTHEAST OF CAMBODIA HAS DETERIORATED. TOWNS OF LOMPHAT AND LABANSIEK ARE AREAS UNDER MOST PRESSURE OF ENEMY FORCES WHO ARE SUPPORTED BY MORTARS. ENEMY AS YET HAS NOT INITIATED AN ALL-OUT ATTACK, BUT PROBING ACTIONS ARE BECOMING MORE NUMEROUS AND WIDESPREAD. PHNOM PENH CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN RADIO CONTACT WITH THE 5TH MILITARY REGION COMMAND POST IN LABANSIEK. ROUTE 19 FROM BA KEV TO THE EAST REMAINS OPEN. THE AIRFIELD AT BUNG LUNG REMAINS IN FRIENDLY HANDS. FOOD IS IN SHORT SUPPLY FOR BOTH CIVILIANS AND MILITARY IN THE ISOLATED AREA; FANK AMMUNITION STOCKS ARE BECOMING ACUTELY SHORT. LIMITED RESUPPLY IS BEING ACCOMPLISHED WITH AVNK C-47 AIRCRAFT.

16. IN OTHER ACTIONS EAST OF THE MEKONG, PREY VENG TOWN RECEIVED SOME HARASSING MORTAR FIRE DURING THE NIGHT OF 24-25 MAY. SVAY RIENG TOWN IN THE PARROT'S BEAK AREA RECEIVED HARASSING SMALL ARMS FIRE DURING SAME NIGHT. SITUATION IN KOMRONG CHAM AREA WAS REPORTED STABILIZED.

17. WEST OF THE MEKONG TWO INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED. FANK ELEMENTS LOCATED VICINITY PREK KAK (WU 5855) RECEIVED SMALL SCALE PROBING ATTACKS AND HARASSING ACTION DURING THE NIGHT OF 24-25 MAY. LIMITED CONTACT WITH SCATTERED ENEMY ELEMENTS OF UNKNOWN STRENGTHS CONTINUED DURING THE MORNING. FANK PATROL REPULSED VC PATROL WHO APPARENTLY ATTEMPTING TO DESTROY BRIDGE ON EDGE OF TOWN OF TANG KRASSANG (WU 0688). AFTER BEING DETECTED VC PATROL DISENGAGED AND ESCAPED TO THE WEST.

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18. LOCAL PRESS COMMENT. LOCAL LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER NOKAR THOM EDITORIAL, DISCUSSES DJAKARTA CONFERENCE IN TERMS OF BEING TOO SLOW, AND ENMESHED IN DIPLOMATIC "RED TAPE", TO COPE WITH SWIFTLY DEVELOPING EVENTS IN CAMBODIA. EDITORIALIST, WRITES THAT CAMBODIA SHOULD RECOGNIZE THAT IN THIS BUSINESS-ORIENTED WORLD, NO ONE GIVES AWAY AID FOR NOTHING AND THE COUNTRY SHOULD EXPECT TO HAVE TO BUY WEAPONS. AUTHOR STATES THAT THE SALE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AS WELL AS CREDIT TERMS FROM FRIENDS COULD UNDERWRITE PURCHASES OF NEEDED EQUIPMENT.

19. SIHANOUK TO VISIT NORTH VIETNAM. FBIS PICKUP OF HANOI BROADCAST MAY 24 INDICATES PRINCE SIHANOUK HAS ACCEPTED NORTH VIETNAMESE PRESIDENT TON DUC THANG'S INVITATION TO VISIT NORTH VIETNAM "IN THE NEAR FUTURE". SIHANOUK ACCEPTED INVITATION AS CAMBODIAN CHIEF OF STATE AND CHAIRMAN OF FUNK.

20. DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE. EMBASSY INFORMED THAT DUE TO CURRENT PROBLEMS, CAMBODIAN REPRESENTATION IN SOUTHEAST ASIAN MINISTERS OF DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE WILL BE DRAWN ONLY FROM CAMBODIAN EMBASSY IN DJAKARTA.

21. MORE JOURNALISTS CAPTURED AND RELEASED BY VC/NVA. UPI STAFFER ROBERT MILLER AND PHOTOGRAPHER TAKEICHI SAWADA, IN ADDITION TO THEIR CAMBODIAN DRIVER, WERE CAPTURED 53 KMS SOUTH OF PHNOM PENH BY NVA FORCES MOVING AWAY FROM ALLIED SWEEP OPERATIONS IN TAKEO PROVINCE.

THE NVA, ACCORDING TO MILLER, TREATED THEM COURTEOUSLY, INTERROGATED THEM AND LATER RELEASED THEM, THEIR CAR AND THEIR EQUIPMENT AFTER EIGHT HOURS DETENTION. MILLER INDICATED TO EMBASSY OFFICER THAT ACCORDING TO HIS DRIVER-INTERPRETER, A NUMBER OF THE NVA TROOPS SPOKE CAMBODIAN. COMMENT: MAY 24 WAS UNUSUALLY LUCKY DAY FOR FIVE OF PHNOM PENH'S FOREIGN PRESS CORPS WHO ON SEPARATE OCCASIONS IN THE SAME REGION WERE CAPTURED BY NVA AND RELEASED. IN MILLER'S CASE, IT APPEARS THAT AT LEAST ONE OF NVA WANTED TO EXECUTE THE JOURNALISTS OUT OF HAND BUT WAS RESTRAINED BY COOLER HEADS. MILLER AND HIS COMPANIONS SAW NO OTHER PRISONERS DURING THEIR DETENTION.

22. ROK AND GOC TO RENEW RELATIONS. LATEST EDITION OF REALITIES CAMBODGIENNES CARRIES ITEM WHICH STATES THAT THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND CAMBODIA WILL RENEW RELATIONS, AT THE AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL "IN THE NEAR FUTURE". APPARENTLY DISCUSSED AND DECIDED BILATER-

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